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Businesses Spent \$250 Billion FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
on Technology Infrastructure

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A NEW REPORT FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU SHOWS THAT U-S
BUSINESSES SPENT MORE THAN 250 BILLION DOLLARS ON
TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN 2006. THAT'S A SIX-POINT-
THREE PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. RAPID
ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY MEANS THAT COMPUTERS, FAX MACHINES
AND THE LIKE HAVE SHORT USEFUL LIVES. THEY'RE REPLACED
MUCH MORE QUICKLY THAN OTHER EQUIPMENT. THIS NEW STUDY
SHOWS THAT ONE-THIRD OF ALL SUCH INVESTMENTS ARE WRITTEN
OFF IN THE YEAR THEY'RE PURCHASED RATHER THAN OVER THE
LIFE OF THE EQUIPMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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